

INSERT A COMBITUBE® SKILL SHEET (Table IV)

For use of this form, see TC 8-800; the proponent agency is TRADOC.

REFERENCE: STP 8-91W15-SM-TG: Task 081-833-0169, Insert a Combitube®

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. §3013

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: To insure that test results are properly credited to the correct medic.

ROUTINE USES: This information will be used to monitor sustainment training IAW AR 350-41, AR 220-1, and MEDCOM 350-4.

DISCLOSURE: Mandatory. Failure to provide the requested information may result in a loss of credit for taking the test and a repeat of the test to make up that credit.

SOLDIER (Last Name, First Name, MI)

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

DATE (YYYYMMDD)

CONDITION: Given an Esophageal Tracheal Combitube®, a 50cc syringe, a 10cc syringe, gloves, eye protection, a bag valve mask (BVM), suction equipment, and assistant, and 91W skill sheets. The casualty will be an unconscious, nonbreathing casualty with no cervical spine injury, who requires the insertion of the Esophageal Tracheal Combitube®.

STANDARDS: The medic must insert the Combitube® within 20 seconds and successfully ventilate the casualty as needed without causing further injury to the casualty. **NOTE:** Per TC 8-800, the evaluated soldier must score at least 70% (18 points) and not miss any critical (*) criteria on skill sheet.

Critical	PERFORMANCE STEPS		Points Possible	Points Awarded
*		Takes (verbalizes) Body Substance Isolation precautions	1	
		BSI for medic and partner		
OXYGENATE				
*		Oxygenates the casualty with the BVM	1	
		Immediately resumes ventilations following unsuccessful intubation	1	
PREPARE THE COMBITUBE®				
*		Inspects the tube for breaks or cracks	1	
		Attaches the 50cc syringe to the pharyngeal (proximal) cuff and inflates with 100cc of air. Checks for leaks, then deflate completely	1	
		Attaches the 10cc syringe to the tracheal (distal) cuff and inflates with 15cc of air. Checks for leaks, then deflates completely	1	
NOTE: If a leak is present, replaces the Combitube®				
ASSUME POSITION				
*		Kneels above casualty's head facing the casualty's feet	1	
		Places casualty's neck in a neutral position	1	
INSERT THE COMBITUBE®				
		Ventilates the casualty twice	1	
		Lifts the jaw and tongue straight upward without hyper-extending the casualty's neck	1	
		Insert the tube blindly along the pharyngeal curve until the teeth are between the two black lines of the tube	1	
*		Inserts the tube without interrupting ventilations for more than 20 seconds	1	

EVALUATOR GUIDELINES: Disregard gray row(s) when used with an assessment skill sheet. Use the checkbox column (second column) to check all performed steps. After completion of the skill, award the soldier the points indicated for that step and total all awarded points at the bottom of the column. Indicate if soldier demonstrated proficiency.

CAUTION: The medic should never force the Combitube® at any time				
		Inflates the pharyngeal cuff with 100cc of air	1	
		Inflates the tracheal cuff with 10-15cc of air	1	
VENTILATE THE CASUALTY AND CHECK THE COMBITUBE® PLACEMENT				
		Attaches BVM to the esophageal connector (marked #1)	1	
*		Attempts to ventilate while listening for the absence of sounds in the epigastrium and the presence of breath sounds in the lungs	1	
		If breath sounds can be heard in the epigastrium and no sounds are heard in the lungs, the tube is in the trachea	1	
		Attaches the BVM to the tracheal connector (marked #2) and ventilates the casualty	1	
		Listens for the absence of sounds in the epigastrium and for the presence of breath sounds in the lungs	1	
		Ventilates the casualty every 3 to 5 seconds	1	
REMOVE THE COMBITUBE®				
NOTE: Inform the medic that the casualty regains consciousness or regains a gag reflex				
*		Ventilates the casualty twice	1	
		Turns the casualty to one side	1	
*		Deflates both cuffs completely	1	
*		Withdraws the Combitube® in one smooth motion following the curve of the pharynx	1	
		Immediately clears the casualty's airway of any vomitus	1	
TOTAL POINTS			25	
START TIME (HH:MM:SS)		STOP TIME (HH:MM:SS)	DEMONSTRATED PROFICIENCY <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	